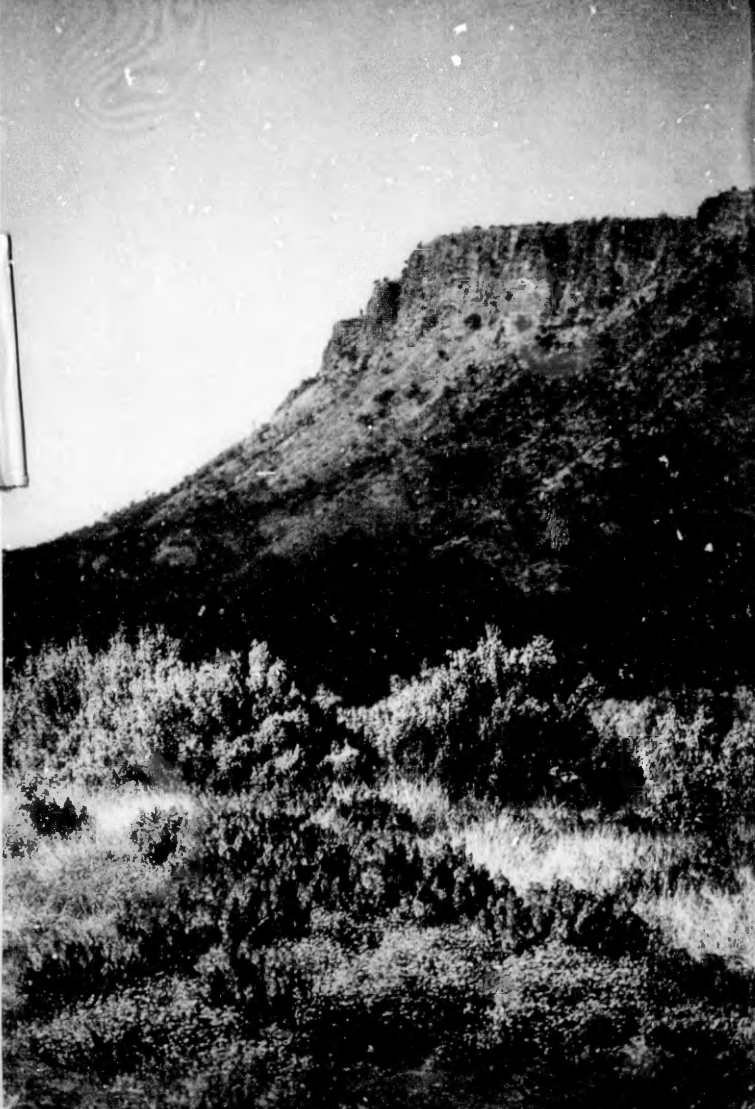


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## GENERAL INFORMATION

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- n.a. Not available.
- n.e.c. Not elsewhere classified.
- n.e.i. Not elsewhere included.
- n.p. Not available for separate publication (but included in totals where applicable).
- n.y.a. Not yet available.
- p Preliminary — figure or series subject to revision.
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- .. Not applicable.
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All publications issued by ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications* (1101.0), which is available free of charge from the above address. A list of the publications issued by the N.T. Office is shown on page 46.

In some cases, the ABS can also make available information which is not published. This information may be made available in one or more of the following forms: microfiche, photocopy, data tape, computer printout, clerically-extracted tabulation. Generally, a charge is made for providing unpublished information.



## **PREFACE**

This is the twenty second edition of the Northern Territory Statistical Summary.

The Statistical Summary presents a comprehensive statistical description of the social, demographic and economic structure of the Northern Territory.

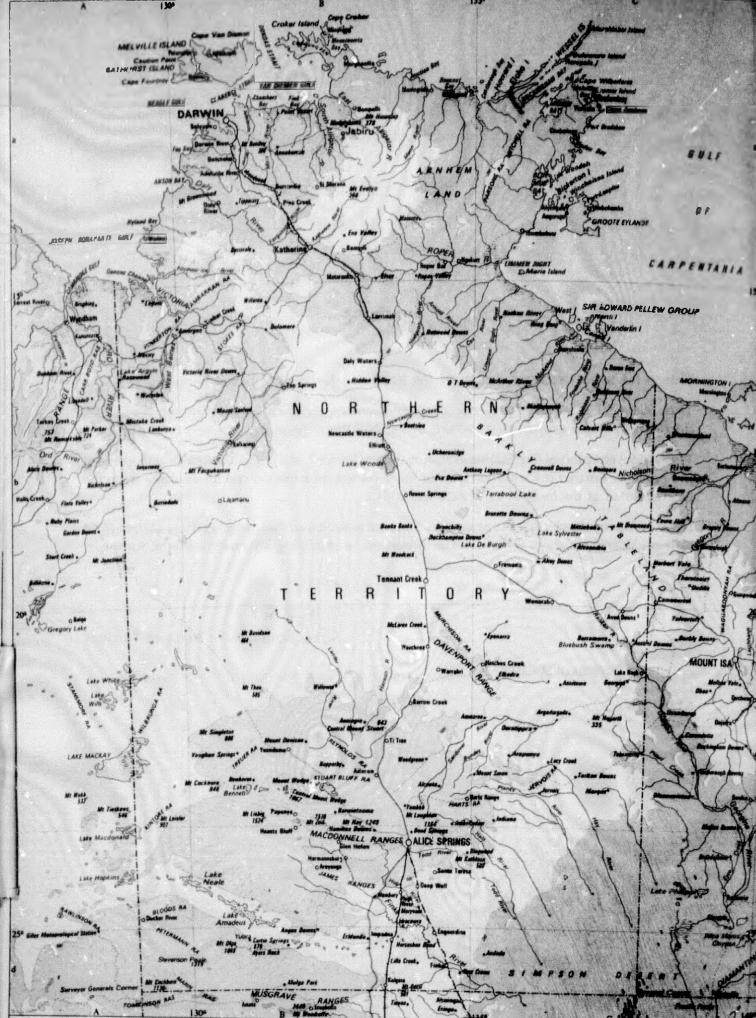
The various chapters of the Statistical Summary contain the latest statistics available at the time of preparation. Further information and/or more recent information may be available from the source noted at the foot of each statistical table.

I would like to thank officers of various Commonwealth and Northern Territory government authorities and to others who have kindly assisted by providing information for the Summary.

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May, 1984



- Road primary
- Road secondary
- Road, other
- Railway

- Hypsometric contour
- Spot elevation
- Sandridges
- State boundary

- River
- Lake, perennial
- Lake, non perennial
- Swamp



## CHAPTER 1

### CLIMATE

The climate of the northern half of the Territory exhibits a strong pattern of wet and dry seasons.

The wet season usually becomes established in December and drops off in March with January showing a peak in rainfall. In the southern half, which has much lighter rainfall, the wettest month is February.

In coastal areas relative humidity has percentile values in the low seventies (morning measurements) in November while the peak occurs in February when percentages are in the mid to high eighties.

In April, stable south-easterly winds bring dry, clear weather which continues through to September, although there may be light falls of rain in differing regions during the months June to September.

July is the coldest month throughout the Territory with minimum temperatures in the high teens (°C) near the coast, around the range of 11°C to 13°C inland and below 5°C in the southern region where frost temperatures occur from May to August.

Maximum temperatures peak at over 35°C to 38°C in January in the southern region while in the northern region they peak at two to three degrees lower than this in November.

### Rainfall and Temperatures in 1983

In 1983, there was short-lived monsoonal weather at the beginning of January and further such weather towards the end of February, but rainfall totals for these months were well below normal. March and April rainfall, however, was above normal with many southern meteorological stations recording highest ever rainfall totals and severe flooding occurring in Alice Springs in March.

From early May rainfall levels followed typical dry season patterns until September. In October the north-west coastal fringe and the northern half of the western border area experienced higher than normal falls while the remainder of the Territory received standard falls. During November the Tennant Creek area received below normal totals while elsewhere remained typical of the month. December rainfall totals were below normal in the Top End and south-west Gulf regions, above normal in the far south-east and normal elsewhere.

Mean maximum and minimum temperatures for January tended to be above normal in the north and below normal in the south. February temperatures were above normal and March temperatures were marginally so. Maximum temperatures were below average and minimum temperatures average in April.

Temperatures were then normal or close to normal until August, with the exception of below normal temperatures for central and southern regions in July.

September temperatures were well above normal and October averages, with the exception of higher minima in the north, were normal. November and December temperatures were normal except in some central and south-western areas which had slightly above normal temperatures in November.

## MEAN TEMPERATURE BY MONTH, 1983

(°C)

		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Darwin	Max	32.7	32.6	31.6	32.0	31.4	30.8	29.5	31.4	32.6	33.3	32.9	33.0
	Min	26.2	25.3	25.2	24.6	22.3	20.5	18.6	21.4	24.4	25.2	25.4	26.2
Alice Springs	Max	36.0	39.1	31.1	23.1	22.0	19.7	17.5	22.9	29.2	30.9	34.9	36.3
	Min	18.5	23.3	20.2	12.4	6.4	2.2	0.6	5.8	11.0	13.6	18.9	19.0
Katherine	Max	37.0	36.6	34.5	33.4	31.8	30.1	29.3	33.0	36.8	38.0	38.0	37.8
	Min	24.6	24.5	24.4	22.9	17.9	15.1	13.7	18.0	22.7	25.6	25.3	24.9
Nhulunbuy	Max	33.5	33.3	32.3	31.3	30.5	30.0	28.7	29.5	30.2	31.3	32.5	32.4
	Min	26.5	26.7	25.6	24.9	23.2	22.4	20.8	20.5	20.5	23.7	26.1	26.3
Tennant Creek	Max	37.8	39.4	32.9	27.8	26.5	24.2	22.8	28.0	33.9	33.8	37.6	38.2
	Min	24.8	26.3	22.8	18.5	15.3	11.9	10.6	15.3	20.4	22.3	24.9	25.5

Source: Bureau of Meteorology

## MEAN HUMIDITY BY MONTH, 1983

(per cent)

		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Darwin	9 a.m.	75	78	84	78	59	57	56	64	70	69	73	74
	3 p.m.	66	67	70	63	43	36	35	42	49	55	63	61
Alice Springs	9 a.m.	25	25	55	65	67	66	53	51	30	29	28	26
	3 p.m.	15	16	36	43	33	30	27	27	17	18	20	17
Katherine	9 a.m.	73	76	80	n.a.	55	51	50	56	55	60	64	65
	3 p.m.	39	47	55	n.a.	32	28	24	24	22	34	39	38
Nhulunbuy	9 a.m.	75	74	80	78	75	69	66	69	71	69	70	71
	3 p.m.	67	67	73	75	69	61	59	62	63	65	64	66
Tennant Creek	9 a.m.	34	45	64	54	50	47	38	37	21	28	32	34
	3 p.m.	20	22	46	38	29	25	20	19	12	21	19	17

Source: Bureau of Meteorology

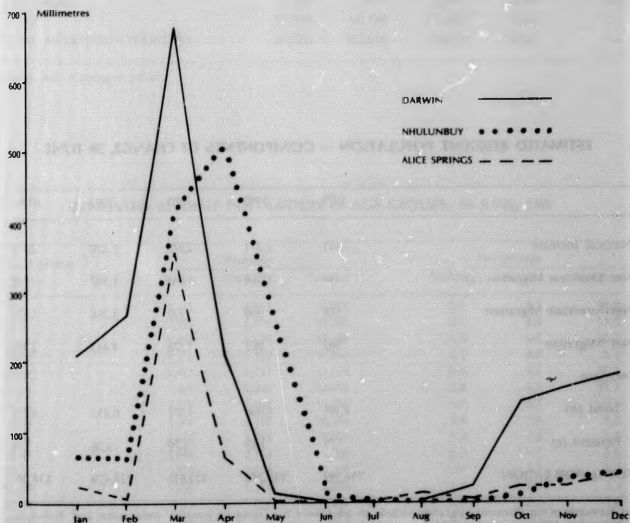
## RAINFALL TOTALS BY MONTH, 1983

(mm)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Darwin	216	272	676	209	14	—	—	—	18	146	157	177
Alice Springs	23	1	357	68	—	—	—	12	—	22	19	46
Katherine	67	122	173	67	—	—	—	—	5	57	164	177
Nhulunbuy	67	61	415	509	306	7	—	2	—	9	42	46
Tennant Creek	22	56	188	68	—	—	—	—	—	33	2	32

Source: Bureau of Meteorology.

## RAINFALL TOTALS BY MONTH, 1983





## CHAPTER 2

## POPULATION AND DEMOGRAPHY

This chapter contains a range of statistical tables which briefly describe the population and demographic characteristics of the Northern Territory. The tables include information on population estimates, births and deaths, birthplace, age structure and migration.

Information on births and deaths is compiled by the Australian Bureau of Statistics from documentation received from the Deputy Registrar, Births, Deaths and Marriages, Northern Territory Department of Law. Births and deaths shown are the number registered in the Northern Territory during the specified calendar year.

Population estimates for the Northern Territory and Local Government Areas are compiled on a usual resident basis, whereas tables from censuses shown in the chapter are based on actual location of persons at the time of the census (30 June of the census year).

## ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION — COMPONENTS OF CHANGE, 30 JUNE

	1979	1980	1981	1982	p1983
Natural Increase	2,161	2,271	2,078	2,370	2,434
Net Overseas Migration (a)	442	361	1,043	1,187	345
Net Interstate Migration	500	500	335	3,256	1,833
Net Migration	942	861	1,378	4,443	2,178
Increase					
Total (b)	4,169	4,096	4,371	6,813	4,612
Percent (c)	3.79	3.59	3.70	5.56	3.56
TOTAL POPULATION	114,149	118,245	122,616	129,429	134,041

(a) Estimates of Net Overseas Migration include an adjustment for "category jumping" (refer notes and definitions contained in ABS Catalogue No. 3101.0). (b) For dates prior to June 1981, differences between the total increase shown and the sum of natural increase and net migration are due to intercensal discrepancies. (c) Percentage increases shown over the population for the previous year.

Source: ABS Catalogue No. 3101.0.

## ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREAS, 30 JUNE

	1976	1981	1982	1983	Annual Growth Rate p 1982-1983 %
Darwin Statistical Division					
City of Darwin	n.a.	54,250	60,320	62,443	3.5
Palmerston	..	..	..	533	..
Total	44,232	56,478	60,923	63,404	4.1
Remainder of Northern Territory Statistical Division					
Alice Springs	14,011	17,876	19,610	20,706	5.6
Nhulunbuy	3,810	4,010	3,864	3,860	0.0
Tennant Creek	2,401	3,087	3,050	3,202	5.0
Katherine	3,228	3,715	3,883	4,084	5.2
Total	53,996	66,138	68,506	70,637	3.1
TOTAL NORTHERN TERRITORY	98,228	122,616	129,429	134,041	3.6

Source: ABS Catalogue 3201.7.

## ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION BY AGE GROUPS, 30 JUNE, 1982

Age Groups (Years)	Number			Percentage		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
0-4	7,111	6,868	13,979	5.5	5.3	10.8
5-9	7,385	6,875	14,260	5.7	5.3	11.0
10-14	6,809	6,430	13,239	5.3	5.0	10.2
15-19	5,476	5,218	10,694	4.2	4.0	8.3
20-24	6,943	6,711	13,654	5.4	5.2	10.6
25-29	7,561	6,848	14,409	5.8	5.3	11.1
30-34	7,329	6,568	13,897	5.7	5.1	10.7
35-39	5,944	4,610	10,554	4.6	3.6	8.2
40-44	4,439	3,241	7,680	3.4	2.5	5.9
45-49	2,844	2,162	5,006	2.2	1.7	3.9
50-54	2,553	1,654	4,207	2.0	1.3	3.3
55-59	1,805	1,214	3,019	1.4	0.9	2.3
60-64	1,133	897	2,030	0.9	0.7	1.6
65-69	690	623	1,313	0.5	0.5	1.0
70+	764	724	1,488	0.6	0.6	1.1
All Ages	68,786	60,643	129,429	53.2	46.9	100.0

Source: ABS Catalogue 3201.0

**ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER POPULATION BY AGE GROUPS, 30 JUNE 1981**

Age Groups (Years)	Number			Percentage		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
0-4	2,116	1,987	4,105	7.3	6.8	14.1
5-9	2,192	2,031	4,226	7.5	7.0	14.5
10-14	2,013	1,951	3,965	6.9	6.7	13.6
15-19	1,582	1,680	3,265	5.4	5.8	11.2
20-24	1,412	1,513	2,926	4.9	5.2	10.1
25-29	1,107	1,159	2,267	3.8	4.0	7.8
30-34	749	948	1,696	2.6	3.3	5.8
35-39	683	699	1,379	2.3	2.4	4.7
40-44	597	623	1,221	2.1	2.1	4.2
45-49	446	557	1,000	1.5	1.9	3.4
50-54	432	455	888	1.5	1.6	3.1
55-59	286	296	582	1.0	1.0	2.0
60-64	284	311	598	1.0	1.1	2.1
65-69	192	223	418	0.7	0.8	1.4
70 +	275	283	560	0.9	1.0	1.9
All Ages	14,367	14,721	29,087	49.4	50.6	100.0

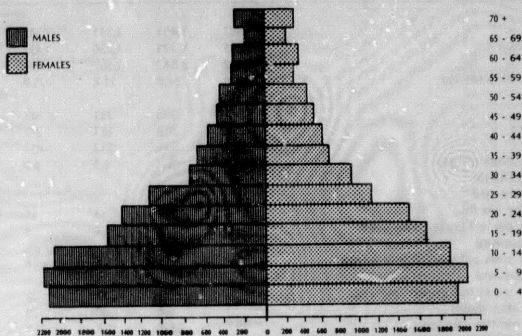
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**TOTAL POPULATION BY AGE GROUPS, 30 JUNE 1981**

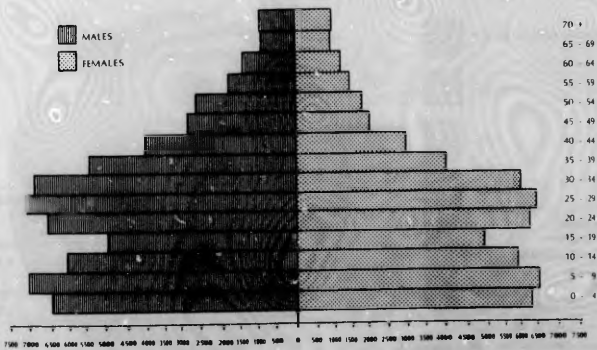
Age Groups (Years)	Number			Percentage		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
0-4	6,537	6,319	12,856	5.3	5.1	10.4
5-9	7,038	6,543	13,581	5.7	5.3	11.0
10-14	6,125	5,874	11,999	5.0	4.8	9.7
15-19	4,985	4,801	9,786	4.0	3.9	7.9
20-24	6,651	6,309	12,960	5.4	5.1	10.5
25-29	7,046	6,491	13,537	5.7	5.3	11.0
30-34	6,920	6,007	12,927	5.6	4.9	10.5
35-39	5,419	4,115	9,534	4.4	3.3	7.7
40-44	4,060	2,944	7,004	3.3	2.4	5.7
45-49	2,841	2,116	4,957	2.3	1.7	4.0
50-54	2,610	1,814	4,424	2.1	1.5	3.6
55-59	1,890	1,479	3,369	1.5	1.2	2.7
60-64	1,408	1,229	2,637	1.1	1.0	2.1
65-69	936	907	1,843	0.8	0.7	1.5
70 +	951	959	1,910	0.8	0.8	1.5
All Ages	65,417	57,907	123,324	53.0	47.0	100.0

Source: 1981 Census

### ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER POPULATION BY AGE GROUPS, 30 JUNE 1981



### TOTAL POPULATION BY AGE GROUPS, 30 JUNE 1981



## BIRTHS AND DEATHS

	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982
<b>Births</b>					
Males	1,407	1,451	1,331	1,587	1,442
Females	1,285	1,391	1,256	1,493	1,438
Total	2,692	2,842	2,587	3,080	2,880
Crude birth rate (a)	24.5	24.9	21.8	25.0	22.2
<b>Deaths</b>					
Males	341	386	331	582	373
Females	195	209	181	272	200
Total	536	595	512	854	573
Crude death rate (a)	4.9	5.2	4.3	6.9	4.4
<b>Infant deaths (b)</b>					
Early neo-natal					
Under one day	18	17	13	25	23
One day and under one week	8	9	4	9	11
Late neo-natal					
One week and under four weeks	9	7	6	8	3
Post neo-natal					
Four weeks and under one year	18	31	17	28	20
Total infant deaths	53	64	40	70	57
Infant mortality rate (c)	19.7	22.5	15.5	22.7	19.8

(a) Per 1,000 of mean population registered.

(b) Included in deaths above

(c) Number of deaths per 1,000 live births

Source: ABS Catalogues 3301.0 and 3302.0

## MARRIAGES AND DIVORCES

	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982
<b>Marriages</b>					
Number	576	553	661	719	818
Crude marriage rate (a)	5.3	4.8	5.6	5.8	6.3
<b>Divorces</b>					
Number	291	262	298	393	369
Crude divorce rate (a)	2.7	2.3	2.5	3.2	2.8

(a) Per 1,000 of mean population

Source: ABS Catalogues 3306.0 and 3307.0

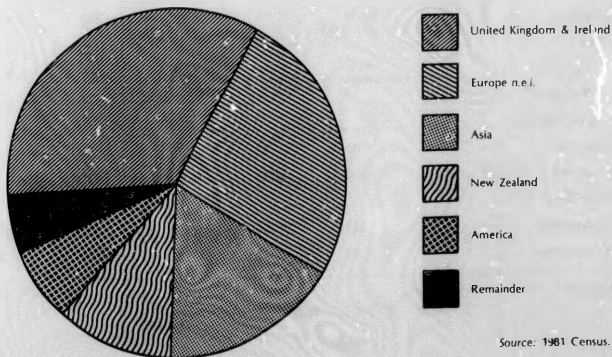
## PERCENTAGE OF PERSONS BY BIRTHPLACE, 30 JUNE

	1966	1971	1976	1981
Australia (a)	85.1	80.5	82.0	81.9
New Zealand	0.6	1.3	1.5	2.0
Papua New Guinea	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.5
Oceania <i>n.e.i.</i>	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1
United Kingdom & Ireland	5.5	6.6	6.3	6.1
Greece	2.1	1.7	1.3	1.1
Germany	1.0	1.1	0.9	0.8
Italy	1.1	1.3	0.8	0.6
Netherlands	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.5
Europe <i>n.e.i.</i>	1.9	2.9	2.3	1.6
Timor	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	0.5	0.9
Asia <i>n.e.i.</i>	1.3	1.6	1.7	2.3
United States of America	0.3	1.5	0.9	0.8
America <i>n.e.i.</i>	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.4
Africa	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.4

(a) Includes Not Stated and Born at Sea.

Source: 1966-81 Censuses.

## OVERSEAS BORN POPULATION, 30 JUNE 1981



Source: 1981 Census.

## CHAPTER 3

## SOCIAL

This chapter contains statistical tables on education, crime and justice, social welfare pensions and benefits, and health services. Information has been obtained from a number of Commonwealth and Northern Territory government authorities. A statistical table on English usage from the 1981 Census of Population and Housing has also been included.

The main source for data on the social structure of the Northern Territory is the Northern Territory Departments of Education, Health, Law and Community Development and also the Police Force of the Northern Territory. The tables represent only a brief summary of the total range of available data and interested users are advised to contact the source noted at the foot of each statistical table.

## SCHOOLS, JUNE

	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983
Government					
Number	119	128	130	132	137
Students	24,452	25,279	26,219	26,642	27,365
Teachers					
Full-time	1,438	1,488	1,559	1,606	1,683
Part-time	38	44	44	35	26
Non-Government					
Number	13	13	13	13	17
Students	3,933	4,256	4,335	4,533	4,892
Teachers					
Full-time	182	204	217	228	259
Part-time	13	12	18	15	26

Source: N.T. Department of Education.

## STUDENTS BY AGE AND GRADE, JUNE 1983

Age in Years	Pre-School	Transition	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Un-Graded	Total
< 4	282														21	303
4	2,087	67													6	2,160
5	597	1,470	379	1											44	2,491
6	63	383	1,527	618	11										30	2,632
7	13	127	434	1,463	659	9									30	2,735
8	3	24	137	408	1,323	749	15								42	2,701
9	2	8	76	118	359	1,240	892	8							39	2,742
10		6	37	67	112	326	1,288	856	31						42	2,765
11			26	35	70	126	300	1,262	1,012	25					43	2,899
12		6	23	19	36	56	102	332	1,200	888	18				40	2,720
13		1	9	12	34	38	21	65	305	1,178	802	10			39	2,514
14			3	10	9	21	10	31	75	279	967	645	12		33	2,095
15			2	7	13	8	4	9	22	121	240	826	494	1	41	1,788
16				2	3	1		1	8	53	51	198	611	164	18	1,110
17			1	2	2	1			4	13	10	43	197	174	13	460
18						3				7	1	7	30	28	12	88
> 18			1							6	2	1	14	18	12	54
Total	3,047	2,092	2,655	2,762	2,631	2,578	2,632	2,564	2,657	2,570	2,091	1,730	1,358	385	505	32,257

Source: N.T. Department of Education



## ENGLISH USAGE, 5 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER, BY GROUPS, 30 JUNE 1981

English Usage	Aboriginal/ Torres Strait Islander	Overseas Born	Other	Total
Uses English only	5,829	14,506	55,674	76,009
Speaks English				
Very well	3,258	2,396	1,568	7,822
Well	6,883	2,139	368	9,390
Not well	6,437	1,239	128	7,804
Not at all	1,127	345	19	1,491
Not stated	381	68	81	530
Not stated	1,072	635	5,715	7,422
TOTAL	24,985	21,925	63,559	110,469

Source: 1981 Census

## CRIME AND JUSTICE

	1977-78	1978-79	1979-80	1980-81	1981-82
Police Strength (as at 30 June)					
Executive Officers	7	9	10	16	16
Inspectors	23	24	22	20	21
Sergeants	103	120	115	123	126
Constables	337	385	377	391	403
Persons Convicted (a) at Courts, by Class of Offence:					
Against the person	179	332	329	429	535
Against property	1397	1752	1662	1725	1986
Larcenies and frauds etc.	868	1,536	989	1,162	1,611
Against good order	1,423	1,799	1,708	2,132	2,793
Against Aboriginal reserve laws	146	137	262	577	532
Against traffic laws	4,518	5,889	5,230	5,746	7,329
Total persons convicted	17,531	10,445	9,180	10,771	13,786
Prisons (as at 30 June)					
Number	3	3	3	3	3
Convicted prisoners in gaol	134	203	235	253	268
Unconvicted prisoners in gaol	37	29	41	42	21

(a) "Convicted" includes Commitals to the Supreme Court.

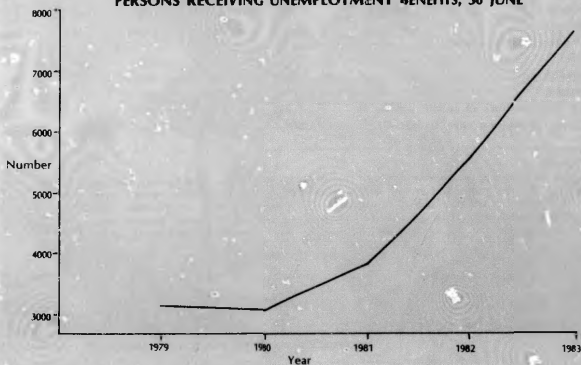
Source: N.T. Department of Community Development, Annual Police Report, and Supreme Court of the N.T.

## PERSONS RECEIVING BENEFITS AND PENSIONS, 30 JUNE

	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983
Unemployment Benefit					
Males	2,598	2,471	3,086	4,454	6,139
Females	559	615	693	1,077	1,475
Persons	3,157	3,086	3,779	5,531	7,614
Sickness Benefit					
Males	115	136	200	197	272
Females	26	30	44	36	57
Persons	141	166	244	236	329
Special Benefit					
Males	67	80	149	184	239
Females	52	59	83	152	184
Persons	119	139	232	336	423
Age Pension					
Males	968	1,023	1,060	1,087	1,115
Females	1,323	1,457	1,538	1,613	1,719
Persons	2,291	2,480	2,598	2,700	2,834
Invalid Pension					
Males	878	1,008	1,034	1,043	1,084
Females	382	407	405	407	450
Persons	1,260	1,415	1,439	1,450	1,534
Widow's Pension					
Class A	574	590	620	634	634
Class B & C	1,287	1,325	1,451	1,486	1,570
Persons	1,861	1,915	2,071	2,120	2,204
Supporting Parents Benefit					
Males	30	42	71	78	118
Females	976	1,089	1,476	1,712	2,022
Persons	1,006	1,131	1,547	1,790	2,140

Source: Commonwealth Department of Social Security

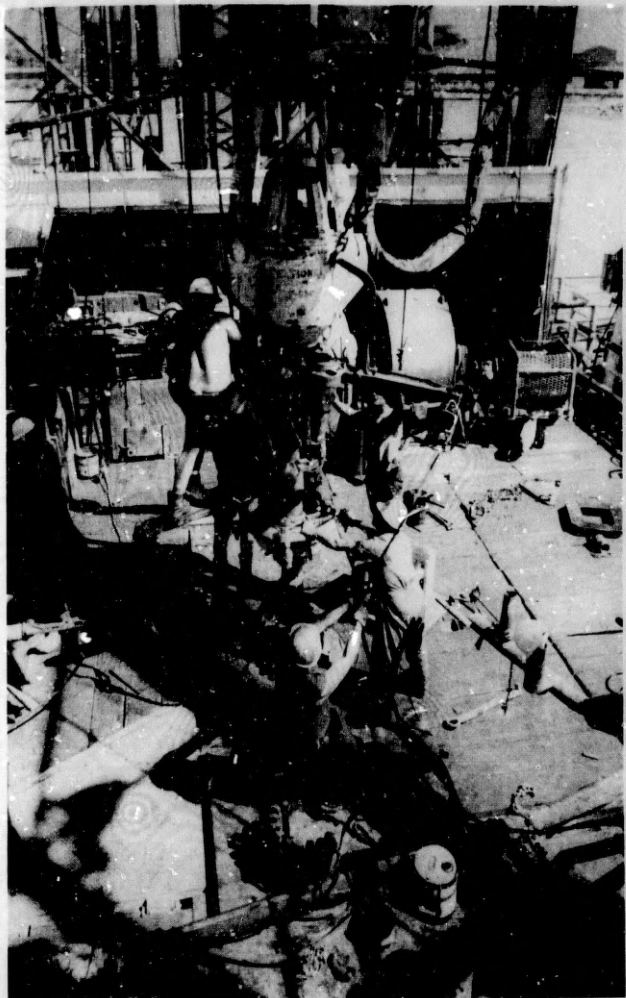
## PERSONS RECEIVING UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS, 30 JUNE



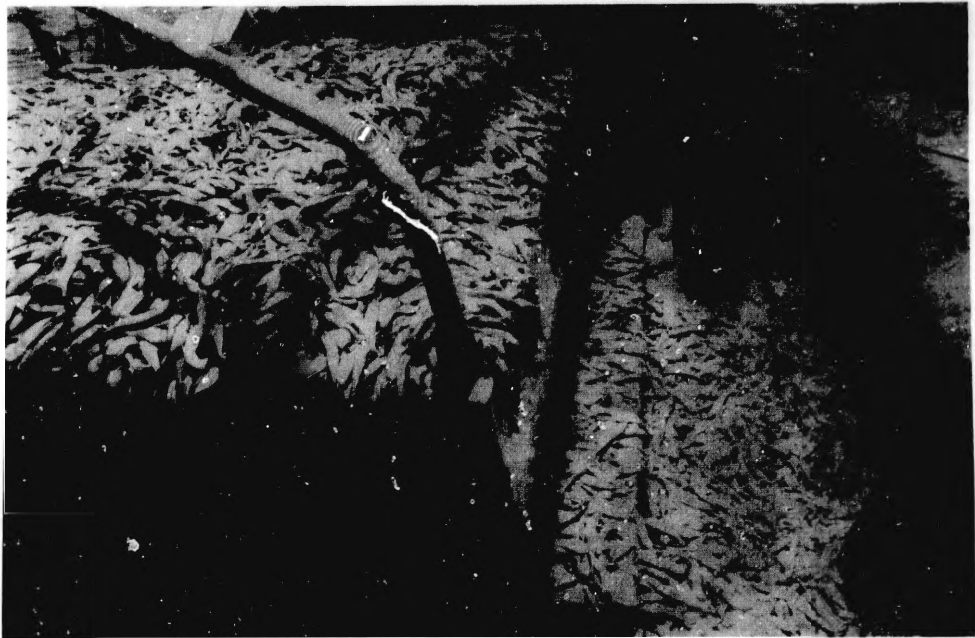
## HOSPITALS: ACCOMMODATIONS STAFF, PATIENTS

	1978-79	1979-80	1980-81	1981-82	1982-83
Number of hospitals (b)	5	5	5	5	5
Accommodation					
Number of beds and cots	667	683	705	572	612
Staff (c)					
Medical officers (d)	105	115	113	112	97
Para-medical officers (e)	111	138	90	76	78
Nurses (f)	848	858	848	803	806
Administration	187	180	199	184	197
Other	557	714	819	824	836
Total	1,808	2,005	2,069	1,999	2,626
Patients					
In-patients at beginning of year —					
Males	248	225	236	223	223
Females	260	298	243	285	271
Persons	508	523	481	508	494
Admissions and re-admissions during year —					
Males	10,522	11,705	12,533	11,333	11,571
Females	13,126	13,952	15,348	14,971	15,396
Persons	23,648	25,657	27,881	26,304	26,967
Total in-patients (cases) treated					
Males	10,770	11,930	12,771	11,556	11,794
Females	13,386	14,250	15,591	15,256	15,667
Persons	24,156	26,180	28,362	26,812	27,461
Discharges					
Males	10,405	11,530	12,404	11,207	11,428
Females	13,004	13,906	15,227	14,898	15,287
Persons	23,409	25,436	27,631	26,105	26,715
Deaths (g)					
Males	140	162	144	126	140
Females	84	101	79	87	88
Persons	224	263	223	213	228
In-patients at end of year					
Males	225	238	223	223	226
Females	298	243	285	271	292
Persons	523	481	508	494	518
Average daily number of patients resident	492	524	522	479	483
Number of out-patient cases treated (b)	217,428	220,318	211,166	152,602	142,796

(a) There are no private hospitals in the Northern Territory. (b) Darwin, Alice Springs, Katherine, Tennant Creek and Gove. (c) Includes both part-time and full-time staff. (d) In addition, private practitioners may treat patients in Northern Territory public hospitals. (e) Physiotherapists, occupational therapists, dietitians, radiographers, pharmacists, etc. (f) Qualified and student nurses, assistant nurses, assistant nurse trainees, nursing aides and nursing aide trainees. (g) Does not include deaths of neonates not formally admitted.



Oil Drilling — Photograph, Courtesy of Chief Minister's Department.



Fishing in the waters of Northern Australia — Photograph, Courtesy of Chief Minister's Department.

## CHAPTER 4

## LABOUR, EARNINGS AND PRICES

This chapter includes tables on the composition of the labour force by employment status, wage and salary earnings of employees, trade unions, industrial disputes and the Consumer Price Index for Darwin.

Labour Force statistics are derived from a monthly survey of the civilian population and refer to persons aged 15 years and over. The Labour Force comprises those persons who are either employed or unemployed during the survey week. Persons not in the labour force are those who are neither employed nor unemployed but are, for example, unpaid persons keeping house and persons attending an educational institution.

Average Weekly Earnings statistics are derived from a quarterly survey of employers in both the government and private sectors. Averages are produced for both male and female earnings and the statistics show ordinary-time earnings for full-time adults as well as total average weekly earnings.

Statistics of the number of Trade Unions and membership are collected only at the end of each calendar year, while the Industrial Disputes collection is conducted on an on-going basis.

The Consumer Price Index measures quarterly changes in the price of a "basket" of goods and services which account for a high proportion of expenditure by wage and salary earner households. This "basket" covers a wide range of goods and services, arranged in the following eight groups: food; clothing; housing; household equipment and operation; transportation; tobacco and alcohol; health and personal care; and recreation and education. A statistical table containing index numbers at the group and All Groups levels for Darwin is included in this chapter.

## LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER, AUGUST

		1979	1980	1981	1982	1983
Employed	'000	48.8	52.6	57.5	58.6	59.0
Unemployed	'000	2.5	2.7	n.p.	3.7	5.9
Labour Force	'000	51.3	55.4	59.4	62.3	64.9
Not in Labour Force	'000	23.4	22.5	23.5	27.4	27.1
Civilian Population						
Aged 15 years and over	'000	74.7	77.8	82.9	89.7	92.0
Unemployment Rate	%	4.9	4.9	n.a.	6.0	9.0
Participation Rate	%	68.7	71.2	71.6	69.5	70.5

## AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS OF EMPLOYEES

Quarters	December 1982	March 1983	June 1983	September 1983
<b>Males</b>				
Full-time adult — ordinary time	366.10	370.00	369.70	370.10
Full-time adult — total	388.50	394.70	395.60	401.50
All males — total	369.60	372.60	377.60	385.70
<b>Females</b>				
Full-time adult — ordinary time	320.00	314.50	311.30	315.20
Full-time adult — total	326.80	321.70	317.00	320.90
All females — total	284.40	272.70	271.70	276.40
<b>Persons</b>				
Full-time adult — ordinary time	349.60	349.20	347.40	350.40
Full-time adult — total	366.50	367.30	365.60	372.60
All persons — total	335.80	330.70	337.60	341.50

Source: ABS Catalogue 6302.0.

## CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: DARWIN GROUP INDEXES (a)

	1980/81	1981/82	1982/83	Percentage Change June 1982- June 1983
Food	100.0	110.3	119.5	+11.6
Clothing	100.0	108.7	115.6	+5.5
Housing	100.0	111.7	125.4	+9.7
Household Equipment and Operation	100.0	110.3	122.4	+8.4
Transportation	100.0	108.4	119.7	+9.6
Tobacco and Alcohol	100.0	110.4	127.3	+12.3
Health & Personal Care	100.0	136.4	163.9	+13.5
Recreation and Education (b)	n.a.	n.a.	106.5	+9.9
ALL GROUPS	100.0	111.1	123.1	+10.3

(a) Base of each index (including Recreation and Education): Year 80-81 = 100.0.  
1982 = 100.0.

(b) Base of index: March quarter

Source: ABS Catalogue 6401.0.

## TRADE UNIONS, DECEMBER

		1978	1979	1980	1981	1982
Number of Separate Unions		71	77	78	75	78
Number of Members	'000					
Males		11.7	13.3	14.5	14.2	13.7
Females		5.5	5.5	5.8	6.0	6.5
Persons		17.4	18.8	20.3	20.1	20.2
Members as Proportion of Total Employees	%					
Males		43	45	45	44	41
Females		40	35	33	31	31
Persons		42	41	41	39	37

Source: ABS Catalogue 6323.0.

## INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES (a)

		1977	1978	1979	1980	1981
Number of Disputes		15	19	24	68	54
Workers Involved (directly and indirectly)	'000	3.4	1.8	10.9	7.1	8.2
Working Days Lost	'000	3.8	8.0	22.8	26.6	63.5
Estimated Loss in Wages	\$'000	140	296	883	1,271	5,010

(a) Refers to disputes involving a stoppage of work of 10 man-days or more.

Source: ABS Catalogue 6322.0.



## CHAPTER 5

## MANUFACTURING, MINING AND AGRICULTURE

This chapter contains a range of statistical tables on the main primary and secondary production industries of the Northern Territory.

The main source of statistical information is the regular program of integrated economic censuses conducted by the ABS, and of which the Agricultural, Mining and Manufacturing Censuses are conducted annually.

Statistical information on mineral production, fishing and slaughterings has been provided by the N.T. Departments of Primary Production, and Mines and Energy.

## MANUFACTURING ESTABLISHMENTS

	1977-78	1978-79	1979-80	1980-81	1981-82
Establishments Operating at 30 June	64	87	101	98	106
Persons Employed	1,498	2,068	2,512	2,651	2,489
Wages and Salaries	\$m 18.2	28.3	32.9	41.6	42.5
Turnover	\$m 145.2	186.3	251.2	292.3	296.9
Opening Stocks at 30 June	\$m 44.9	37.6	45.2	48.8	83.1
Closing Stocks at 30 June	\$m 46.5	41.8	50.4	83.5	78.2
Purchases, Transfers in and Selected Expenses	\$m 91.8	117.5	179.4	230.6	230.9
Value Added	\$m 55.0	73.0	77.1	96.3	61.2

Source: ABS Catalogue 8206.0.

## PRIVATE MINERAL EXPLORATION (a): EXPENDITURE BY ITEM

(\$'000)

	1977-78	1978-79	1979-80	1980-81	1981-82
Salaries and Wages (b)	3,527	3,860	4,774	5,721	9,165
Materials and Stores (c)	1,472	1,385	2,050	2,415	2,917
Payments to Contractors	4,626	7,139	8,667	11,696	9,971
Other	3,609	4,354	5,676	7,869	8,841
Net Capital Expenditure (d)	500	861	791	1,790	1,126
Total Private Exploration	13,734	17,599	21,958	29,491	32,021

(a) Private Exploration includes all mineral exploration other than for petroleum and oil shale. (b) Excludes amounts drawn by working proprietors. (c) Includes running expenses of motor vehicles and aircraft. (d) Expenditure on fixed tangible assets less disposals.

Source: ABS Catalogue 8407.0.

## MINING ESTABLISHMENTS

	1977-78	1978-79	1979-80	1980-81	1981-82
Establishments Operating End of June	13	11	13	15	14
Average Employment (a)	1,164	1,251	1,488	1,907	1,773
Wages and Salaries (b)	\$'000 16,891	19,472	28,071	39,689	37,352
Turnover	\$'000 124,935	143,479	189,559	305,519	329,320
Stocks					
Opening	\$'000 19,260	20,247	19,714	42,006	85,170
Closing	\$'000 20,259	19,749	38,691	81,699	133,708
Purchases, Transfers in and Selected Expenses	\$'000 30,142	36,178	55,014	118,572	85,048
Value Added	\$'000 95,792	106,804	153,562	226,640	292,811
Fixed Capital Expenditure	\$'000 8,658	28,158	186,071	194,312	58,798

(a) Includes working proprietors.

(b) Excludes amounts drawn by working proprietors.

Source: ABS Catalogue 8402.0.

## MINERAL PRODUCTION

		1977-78	1978-79	1979-80	1980-81	1981-82
<b>Metallic Minerals —</b>						
Bauxite	'000 tonnes	4,788	4,521	4,939	5,301	4,069
Copper concentrate	'000 tonnes	15	15	32	67	44
Gold bullion (a)	kg	4,263	3,630	3,056	1,298	1,404
Manganese ore, metallurgical grade	'000 tonnes	1,324	1,384	2,172	1,483	1,197
Tin concentrate	tonnes	..	..	19	92	..
Tungsten concentrate	tonnes	14	..	138	170	..
Uranium concentrate	tonnes	..	..	..	1,661	4,151
Construction materials	'000 tonnes	404	424	819	1,518	913

(a) Includes alluvial gold.

Source: ABS Catalogue 8405.0.

## FISHING: LANDINGS AND VALUE

		1978-79	1979-80	1980-81	1981-82	1982-83
<b>Live Weight of Catch</b>						
Fish	'000 kg					
Barramundi		933	690	744	381	761
Threadfin Salmon		558	468	480	573	516
Total Fish		1,634	1,352	1,633	1,897	1,665
<b>Crustaceans</b>						
Prawns (a)		3,504	3,002	4,259	3,195	2,402
Total Crustaceans		3,528	3,044	4,287	3,225	2,460
<b>Molluscs</b>						
Total		8	27	140	46	55
<b>TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT</b>		5,170	4,423	15,961	5,168	4,181
<b>Estimated Value</b>						
	\$'000					
Fish						
Barramundi		1,870	1,272	1,561	1,925	1,896
Threadfin Salmon		400	352	1,398	469	432
Total Fish		2,400	1,791	2,285	2,973	2,743
<b>Crustaceans</b>						
Prawns		17,100	15,200	17,067	15,250	15,692
Total		17,165	15,287	17,194	15,394	15,914
<b>Molluscs</b>						
Total		11	28	153	60	75
<b>TOTAL VALUE</b>		19,576	17,106	19,532	18,427	18,732

Source: N.T. Department of Primary Production.

## NUMBER, AREA AND LAND UTILISATION OF RURAL ESTABLISHMENTS

		1978-79	1979-80	1980-81	1981-82	1982-83
Number of Establishments		301	346	336	300	287
Area Used for Crops (a)	'000 hectares	2	2	1	2	3
Area Under Sown Pastures	'000 hectares	90	373	87	56	44
Balance (b)	'000 hectares	76,100	77,793	77,500	77,078	75,202
TOTAL AREA	'000 hectares	76,192	78,168	77,589	77,136	75,249

(a) from 1981-82 area double cropped was counted separately while previously it had been counted only once.

(b) Native pasture, scrub etc.

Source: ABS Tabulations.

## CROPS

(hectares)

	1978-79	1979-80	1980-81	1981-82	1982-83
Cereal for Grain	849	739	655	486	1,873
Crops for Green Feed or Silage	213	275	395	1,267	1,088
Fruit	27	28	31	43	56
Vegetables	119	145	110	98	93
All Other Crops	366	653	245	167	278
TOTAL CROPS	1,574	1,840	1,436	2,061	3,388

Source: ABS Tabulations

## LIVESTOCK

		1978-79	1979-80	1980-81	1981-82	1982-83
Livestock Numbers	'000					
Cattle		1,785	1,730	1,675	1,624	1,548
Pigs		3	3	3	3	2
Sheep		1	1	1	1	1
Total		1,789	1,734	1,678	1,627	1,551
Livestock Slaughterings and Other Disposals	\$'000	107,913	122,862	58,690	59,900	n.a.
Livestock Products	\$'000	1,364	1,481	1,757	2,500	n.a.

Source: ABS Catalogues 7203.0 and 7503.0

## CHAPTER 6

## CONSTRUCTION

This chapter contains tables on construction, which is divided into two categories: building and "other than building". Building statistics cover all types of buildings, such as dwellings, shops, factories and churches. "Other than building" statistics relate to such constructs as railways, roads, bridges, earth-fill dams, street lighting and heavy industrial plant.

Building activity statistics are obtained from a quarterly survey which samples private sector jobs involving house construction or alterations and additions to houses valued at \$10,000 or more, and undertakes complete enumeration of other building projects with an approval value of \$10,000 or more. The coverage of these groups is established by building approvals information contained in permits issued by the Building Authority Branch (Northern Territory Department of Lands) and records of contracts let or day labour work approved by Commonwealth, State, semi-government and local government authorities. Major building activity which takes place in areas not subject to normal administrative processes is also included.

Statistics of construction other than building are obtained from a quarterly survey of private sector contractors undertaking prime contracts valued when let at \$100,000 or more.

## NUMBER AND VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION (OTHER THAN BUILDING)

## PRIME CONTRACTS BY STAGE OF CONSTRUCTION

		1978-79	1979-80	1980-81	1981-82	1982-83
Commenced	\$m	85	156	72	74	94
	No.	59	98	108	108	123
Completed	\$m	53	140	133	76	103
	No.	40	89	101	111	127
Under Construction	\$m	80	88	68	73	66
	No.	43	49	56	53	49
Work Done During Year	\$m	46	166	119	89	87
Work Yet to be Done	\$m	60	42	36	27	35

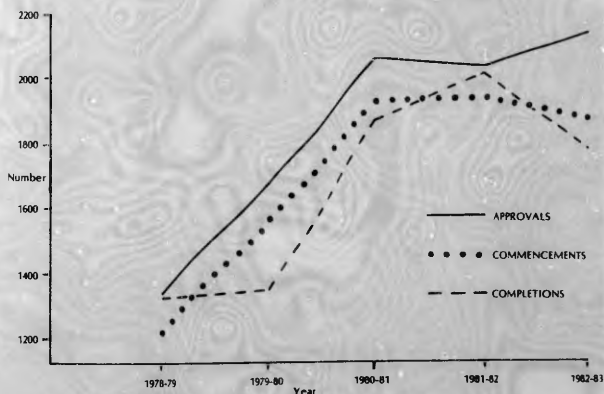
## NUMBER OF NEW DWELLINGS UNITS (a)

	1978-79	1979-80	1980-81	1981-82	1982-83
Approvals:					
Houses	912	1,204	1,317	1,215	1,479
Other dwelling units	418	489	755	832	731
Total	1,330	1,693	2,072	2,047	2,210
Commencements					
Houses	924	1,156	1,240	1,170	1,400
Other dwelling units	282	407	688	764	491
Total	1,206	1,563	1,930	1,940	1,890
Under Construction (b)					
Houses	597	755	730	670	870
Other dwelling units	222	266	516	400	287
Total	819	1,021	1,250	1,070	1,150
Completions					
Houses	1,087	989	1,310	1,220	1,190
Other dwelling units	241	361	564	791	595
Total	1,328	1,350	1,880	2,010	1,790

(a) Due to revision of procedures, figures from 1980-81 onwards are not strictly comparable with those for previous years. (b) At the end of the period.

Source: ABS Catalogue 8752.7 (previously 8707.0).

## NUMBER OF DWELLING UNITS APPROVED, COMMENCED AND COMPLETED



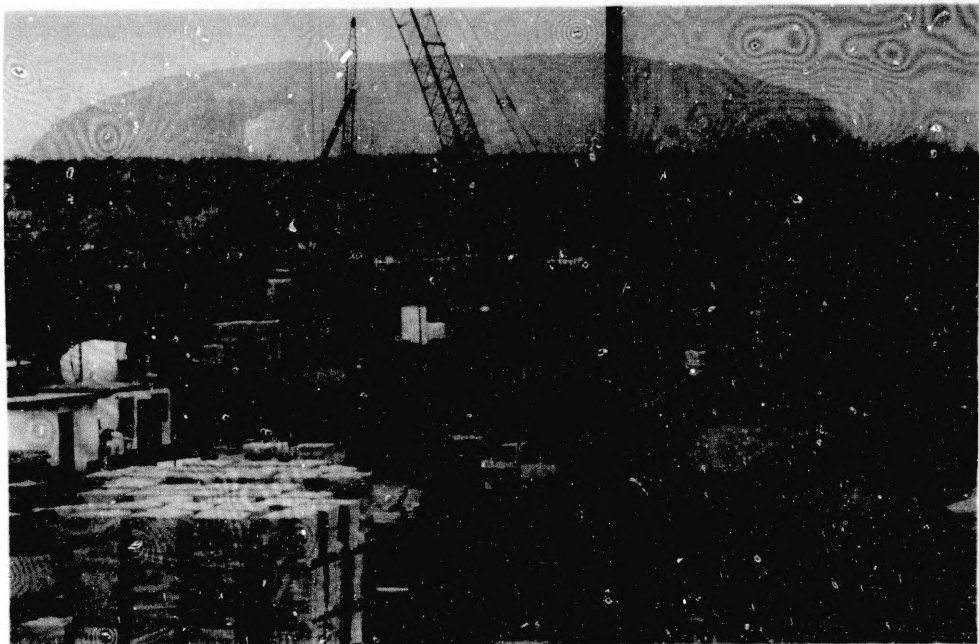
## VALUE OF BUILDING (a)

(\$m)

	1978-79	1979-80	1980-81	1981-82	1982-83
Commencements					
New dwellings	37.7	56.5	80.0	86.9	88.0
Alterations and additions					
to dwellings	5.2	3.1	4.8	3.8	4.1
Hotels, hostels, etc.	3.6	16.3	27.6	41.4	9.9
Business premises (b)	14.0	34.1	41.7	32.4	29.7
Education	6.9	9.5	21.5	8.7	10.5
Health	1.6	0.7	0.5	4.6	0.5
Other	8.6	13.4	19.5	12.1	19.4
Completions					
New dwellings	44.2	45.2	70.1	91.6	81.3
Alterations and additions					
to dwellings	11.4	4.9	4.4	4.5	3.5
Hotels, hostels, etc.	1.8	5.5	10.9	7.5	26.2
Business premises (b)	23.9	25.3	36.8	50.4	26.3
Education	11.0	14.3	13.6	6.3	20.8
Health	2.0	62.2	1.5	0.2	5.4
Other	6.6	18.9	9.8	24.9	12.1
Work done during the period					
New dwellings	39.8	48.1	81.4	89.3	93.3
Additions and alterations					
to dwellings	8.0	4.0	4.7	4.3	3.7
Hotels, hostels, etc.	2.8	4.3	16.5	17.5	20.5
Business premises (b)	18.3	33.5	39.0	42.2	28.0
Education	14.3	9.7	12.0	15.4	14.3
Health	13.4	3.7	0.8	4.7	0.8
Other	11.2	13.4	16.9	18.9	13.8

(a) As for previous table.

(b) Includes shops, factories, offices and other premises.



Construction work at Yulara Tourist Resort — Photograph, Courtesy of Chief Minister's Department.





Buffalo Mustering — Photograph, Courtesy of Chief Minister's Department.

## CHAPTER 7

## TRADE AND TOURISM

This chapter contains statistical tables on tourism within the Northern Territory, and internal and external trade.

Statistical information on activity in the tourist industry is obtained from a quarterly survey of hotels, motels and caravan parks.

For information on retail activity, the ABS conducts a census of retail and selected service establishments every 2 or 3 years in the Northern Territory which provides a wide range of commodity and regional data. Statistics on external trade are compiled by the ABS from documentation submitted by importers and exporters, or their agents, to the Australian Customs Services as required by the Customs Act.

## TOURIST ACCOMMODATION — HOTELS AND MOTELS, CARAVAN PARKS, JUNE QUARTER

		1979	1980	1981	1982	1983
<b>Hotels and Motels</b>						
Establishments		47	46	49	64	70
Guest rooms		1,535	1,532	1,681	2,016	2,364
Occupancy rates	%	60.2	70.5	66.9	59.6	50.9
Takings for accommodation	\$'000	2,297	3,339	3,681	4,417	4,679
<b>Caravan Parks</b>						
Establishments		9	8	8	11	12
Sites and cabins		1,104	1,135	1,180	1,194	1,461
Occupancy rates	%	29.4	39.5	37.7	49.8	49.0
Takings for accommodation	\$'000	142	177	193	235	402

Source: ABS Catalogue 8602.7.

## RETAIL AND SELECTED SERVICE ESTABLISHMENTS (a)

		1979-80	1982-83 <sup>p</sup>
<b>Retail Establishments</b>			
Number at 30 June		800	905
Retail sales	\$'000	334,503	472,941
Wholesale sales	\$'000	23,842	43,096
Other operating revenue	\$'000	24,324	35,086
Turnover	\$'000	382,669	551,123
<b>Employment at 30 June (b)</b>			
Males		2,571	2,732
Females		2,986	3,168
Persons		5,557	5,900
Wages and salaries (c)	\$'000	37,529	53,749
<b>Selected Service Establishments</b>			
Number at 30 June		232	287
Retail sales	\$'000	33,991	59,391
Other operating revenue	\$'000	42,303	55,352
Turnover	\$'000	76,294	114,743
<b>Employment at 30 June (b)</b>			
Males		964	1,106
Females		1,491	1,908
Persons		2,455	3,014
Wages and Salaries (c)	\$'000	20,104	29,140
<b>Total of Retail and Selected Service Establishments</b>			
Number at 30 June		1,032	1,192
Retail sales	\$'000	368,494	532,332
Wholesale sales	\$'000	23,842	43,096
Other operating revenue	\$'000	66,627	90,438
Turnover	\$'000	458,963	665,866
<b>Employment at 30 June (b)</b>			
Males		3,535	3,838
Females		4,477	5,076
Persons		8,012	8,914
Wages and salaries (c)	\$'000	57,633	82,889

(a) Excludes retail establishments with turn over of less than \$50,000.

(b) Includes working proprietors, but excludes unpaid helpers.

(c) Excludes drawings by working proprietors.

Source: ABS Catalogues 8622.7.

## TOTAL RECORDED IMPORTS BY COMMODITY SECTION

(\$'000)

	1978-79	1979-80	1980-81	1981-82	1982-83
Food and Live Animals Chiefly for Food	62	128	234	301	394
Beverages and Tobacco	1	5	2	1	3
Crude Materials, Inedible, except Fuels	1,340	1,241	5,794	4,539	4,120
Mineral Fuels, Lubricants and Related Materials	51,797	115,796	199,280	176,092	146,658
Animal and Vegetable Oils, Fats and Waxes	1	3	4	9	16
Chemicals and Related Products, n.e.s.	7,483	11,722	299	1,272	665
Manufactured Goods	3,794	5,402	6,314	10,448	5,767
Machinery and Transport Equipment	30,654	26,888	43,288	124,942	35,809
Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles	652	1,237	2,341	2,228	1,163
Commodities and Transactions					
not elsewhere classified (a)	859	2,461	24,582	54,064	21,184
TOTAL IMPORTS	96,644	164,885	282,138	373,895	215,780

(a) A complete description of items is contained in the Australian Export and Import Commodity Classifications.

Source: ABS Tabulations.

## TOTAL RECORDED EXPORTS (a) BY COMMODITY SECTION

(\$'000)

	1978-79	1979-80	1980-81	1981-82	1982-83
Food and Live Animals Chiefly for Food	31,017	56,446	56,879	49,305	39,011
Beverages and Tobacco	—	—	2	20	42
Crude Materials, Inedible, except Fuels	155,004	191,163	43,858	151,231	297,520
Mineral Fuels, Lubricants and Related Materials	650	—	—	—	1,511
Animal and Vegetable Oils, Fats and Waxes	—	—	—	5	—
Chemicals and Related Products, n.e.s.	7,616	5	19	121	58
Manufactured Goods	501	1,329	14,925	10,882	364
Machinery and Transport Equipment	862	1,220	672	6,677	123
Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles	31	42	17	198	243
Commodities and Transactions,					
not elsewhere classified (b)	216	312	239,124	165,117	161,670
TOTAL EXPORTS	195,899	250,516	355,496	383,467	500,541

(a) Refers to Australian produce only.

(b) as for (a) in previous table.

Source: ABS Tabulations.

## CHAPTER 8

## TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

This chapter includes statistics on civil aviation, shipping, roads, government-run bus services, motor vehicle registrations, road traffic accidents, radio communications and radio and television services. These statistics have been obtained from Northern Territory and Australian government authorities and ABS publications.

Prior to 1980, reporting procedures and data definitions used within road traffic accident collections varied across the States and Territories. Since that time nationally uniform definitions have been applied and, as a result, comparable statistics for years before those shown are not available. A road traffic casualty is now defined as a person killed or admitted to hospital as a result of the accident.

## CIVIL AVIATION: TRAFFIC HANDLED AT MAJOR AIRPORTS

	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982
<b>Darwin Airport</b>					
Passenger Movements					
Commuter	—	—	118	14,282	27,042
Domestic	234,268	268,415	295,073	285,808	276,495
International	22,099	23,014	29,877	36,055	37,828
Total	256,367	291,429	325,145	336,145	341,365
Total Number of Trips	9,155	9,324	9,184	9,124	11,219
Total Freight handled	tonnes 3,882	4,058	3,932	3,322	3,225
<b>Alice Springs Airport</b>					
Passenger Movements					
Commuter	1,198	410	295	368	602
Domestic	170,643	193,854	216,036	215,121	244,388
Total	171,841	194,264	216,331	215,489	244,990
Total Number of Trips	6,024	6,129	6,561	5,564	5,831
Total Freight handled	tonnes 2,289	2,531	2,415	2,214	2,055
<b>All Northern Territory Airports</b>					
Passenger Movements					
Commuter	7,232	4,585	13,533	39,825	69,384
Domestic	564,380	636,277	645,665	613,991	629,865
International	22,099	23,014	29,877	36,055	37,828
Total	593,711	663,876	689,075	689,871	737,077
Total Number of Trips	38,532	37,921	34,919	30,490	38,719
Total Freight handled	tonnes 8,512	8,978	8,408	6,869	6,592

Source: Department of Aviation.

## SHIPPING — PORT OF DARWIN

	1978-79	1979-80	1980-81	1981-82	1982-83
<b>Vessel Calls —</b>					
Trading vessels	148	136	154	154	115
Prawn trawlers	388	462	716	685	703
Taiwanese fishing vessels	—	397	320	222	254
Naval vessels	155	118	96	99	27
Other	87	93	58	198	156
Total	778	1,206	1,344	1,358	1,255
Total Cargo Handled '000 tonnes	634	754	713	620	654

Source: N.T. Port Authority.

## ROADS

(km)

	1977-78	1978-79	1979-80	1980-81	1981-82
Bituminous or Concrete	4,975	4,999	4,267	4,966	5,598
Gravel, Crushed Stone, etc.	1,827	1,926	3,053	4,052	4,123
Formed Only	6,143	6,520	5,410	4,834	5,054
Cleared or Natural Surface Only	7,372	6,865	7,009	6,670	6,572
TOTAL ROADS	23,317	20,310	20,339	20,522	21,347

Source: N.T. Dept. of Transport and Works.

## GOVERNMENT BUS SERVICES

	1978-79	1979-80	1980-81	1981-82	1982-83
Buses in Service	31	36	39	39	40
Route Kilometres km	100	100	138	152	152
Kilometres Run '000	1,149	1,581	1,857	1,670	1,784
Passengers carried '000	858	1,374	1,659	1,816	1,762

Source: N.T. Dept. of Transport and Works.

## REGISTRATIONS OF NEW MOTOR VEHICLES (a) BY TYPE

	1978-79	1979-80	1980-81	1981-82	1982-83
Motor Vehicles					
Motor cars and station wagons	2,148	2,429	3,319	3,467	3,260
Utilities	1,146	1,550	2,081	2,001	2,058
Panel vans	325	259	530	521	459
Rigid trucks	213	137	166	187	160
Articulated trucks	78	70	74	67	39
Other truck type vehicles	3	8	16	12	23
Buses	32	48	39	47	52
Total	3,945	4,501	6,225	6,302	6,051
Motor Cycles	431	486	991	882	925

(a) Government owned vehicles in the Northern Territory are included, except those belonging to the defence services.

Source: ABS Catalogue No. 9304.0.

## ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS INVOLVING CASUALTIES

	1980-81	1981-82	1982-83
Casualty accidents —			
Fatal	58	61	45
Injury (a)	329	335	300
Total (b)	387	396	345
Persons killed			
Driver of motor vehicle	22	25	24
Motor cyclists	9	6	5
Passengers	21	28	15
Pedestrians	10	10	7
Other	1	1	0
Total	63	70	51
Persons injured (c)			
Drivers of motor vehicles	153	149	111
Motor cyclists	67	69	61
Passengers	168	184	153
Pedestrians	43	40	45
Other	21	41	25
Total	452	483	395

(a) Casualty accidents resulting in one or more injured persons being admitted to hospital. (b) Resulting in death or in one or more injured persons being admitted to hospital. (c) Admitted to hospital.

Source: ABS Catalogue 9405.0.

## RADIO-COMMUNICATION STATIONS, JUNE QUARTER

	1982	1983
Aeronautical	15	22
Aircraft	69	60
Amateur	149	164
Base	455	859
C.B.R.S.	524	1,138
Coast	1	1
Developmental	n.a.	3
Disaster	52	64
Experimental	12	12
Fixed	676	660
Radio Linked Microphone	6	5
Handphone	47	180
Interior Paging	13	11
Land Mobile Paging Receiver	30	37
Limited Coast	8	15
Marine Rescue	39	32
Mobile	2,531	3,529
Mobile Outpost	463	1,516
Radiodetermination	5	6
Remote Control	n.a.	18
Ship	127	141
TOTAL STATIONS AUTHORISED	5,222	8,473

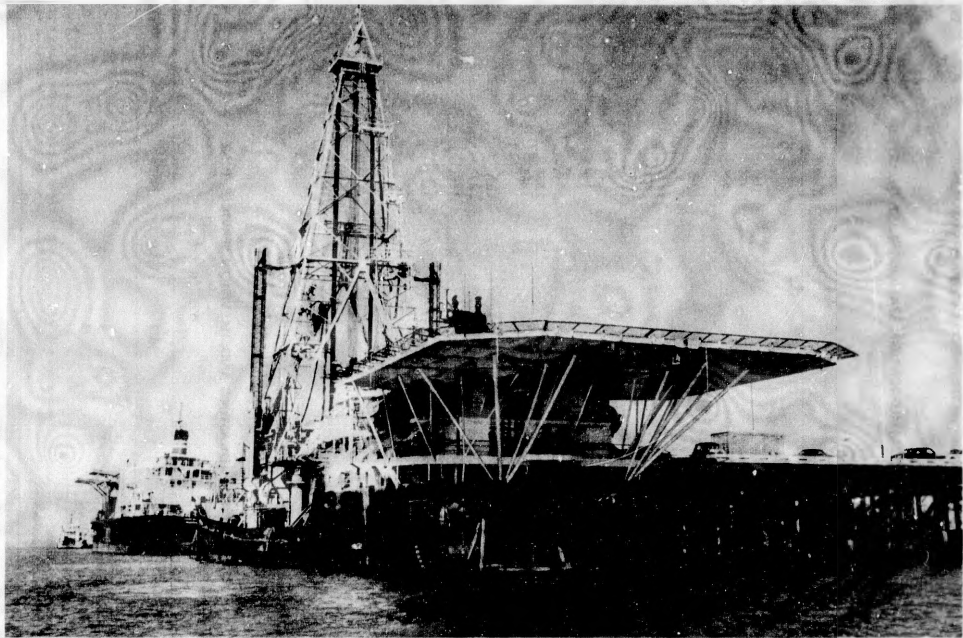
Source: Department of Communications.

## BROADCASTING AND TELEVISION SERVICES, JUNE

	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983
Radio Broadcasting Licences					
National stations	5	6	6	6	6
Commercial stations	2	2	2	2	2
Television Licences					
National stations	5	4	4	4	4
Commercial stations	1	1	1	1	1

Source: Department of Communications.





Stokes Hill Wharf, Port of Darwin — Photograph, Courtesy of Chief Minister's Department.

## CHAPTER 9

## FINANCE

This chapter provides a summary of statistical information for public and private finance in the Northern Territory.

For Northern Territory Government Finance, tables are presented which bring together the transactions of all public authorities to highlight their role in the Northern Territory economy. The tables are a summary of transactions for all public authorities whose receipts and payments are transacted through the Consolidated Fund.

The ABS produces a set of economic accounts for the public sector of the Northern Territory. A four year summary of outlay and receipts, and outlay classified by purpose of all Northern Territory Government Authorities is given in the tables.

Statistical tables on Banking, General Insurance and Housing Finance are included in the chapter.

## NORTHERN TERRITORY GOVERNMENT STATEMENT OF REVENUE SOURCES

(\$'000)

	1981-82	1982-83	1983-84 (Estimate)
Territory Revenue and Other Receipts	120,589	130,037	136,609
Commonwealth Payments			
General purpose payments — Recurrent	363,983	421,667	470,417
— Capital	114,852	120,629	129,063
Specific purpose payments — Recurrent	85,674	111,513	156,525
— Capital	58,455	66,581	88,712
Total Commonwealth payments	622,964	720,390	844,717
TOTAL REVENUE	743,553	850,427	981,326
Consolidated Fund — Opening Balance	3,090	307	890DR
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	746,643	850,734	980,436

Source: N.T. Treasury.

## TERRITORY REVENUE AND OTHER RECEIPTS

(\$'000)

	1981-82	1982-83	1983-84 (Estimate)
<b>Taxation</b>			
Stamp duty	6,232	7,071	7,731
Racing taxes and fees	432	429	146
Lotteries	942	331	45
Casino taxes and fees	1,642	1,735	2,030
Liquor licences and fees	2,269	2,938	3,257
Payroll	23,595	25,728	27,200
Tobacco licence fees	1,395	2,195	2,400
Total	36,508	40,427	42,809
<b>Public Undertakings</b>			
Water	3,675	4,479	5,350
Sewerage	2,090	2,914	3,000
Total	5,765	7,393	8,350
<b>Revenue</b>			
Land sales, leases, rents	14,733	6,526	5,126
Mining royalties	3,020	2,934	3,680
Total	17,753	9,460	8,806
<b>Other Revenue</b>			
Motor vehicle charges	3,798	4,282	4,756
Health — fees and charges	8,831	12,968	9,212
Registrar-General — fees	1,138	1,090	1,140
N.T. Courts — fines and costs	1,226	1,318	1,450
Interest on cash balances	9,787	12,460	12,700
Miscellaneous	6,883	8,663	8,394
Total	31,663	40,781	37,652
Recovery of Debt Charges	26,116	29,941	36,782
Trust Fund Repayments	2,784	2,034	2,210
<b>TOTAL TERRITORY REVENUE</b>	<b>120,589</b>	<b>130,038</b>	<b>136,609</b>

Source: N.T. Department of Treasury

## BORROWINGS

(\$'000)

	1981-82	1982-83	1983-84 (Estimate)
<b>Borrowings</b>			
Semi Government Authorities Program	26,000	32,200	(a) 58,700
Smaller authorities	1,238	—	350
Total	27,238	32,200	59,050
<b>Other Borrowings</b>			
General purpose capital	76,568	80,419	86,042
Housing agreement	7,490	7,300	7,300
Total	84,058	87,719	93,342
<b>TOTAL BORROWINGS</b>	<b>111,296</b>	<b>119,919</b>	<b>152,392</b>
<b>Payments to the Commonwealth</b>			
Principal repayments	3,970	5,052	6,407
Interest payments	31,949	40,342	63,304
Total	35,919	45,394	69,711

Source: N.T. Department of Treasury.

(a) Includes \$30.5m in maturities.

## COMMONWEALTH PAYMENTS

(\$'000)

	1981-82	1982-83	1983-84 (Estimate)
General Purpose Funds — Revenue			
Tax sharing entitlement	315,240	378,922	424,302
Health grant	26,093	23,522	25,299
Additional assistance grant	29,000	15,000	—
Other	2,650	4,223	20,816
Total	363,983	421,667	470,417
General Purpose Funds — Capital			
Borrowing (from Commonwealth)	76,568	80,419	86,042
Capital Grants	38,284	40,209	43,021
Total	114,852	120,628	129,063
Total General Purpose Funds	478,835	542,295	599,480
Specific Purpose Payments — Recurrent Purposes			
Debt charges assistance	22,489	31,972	54,466
Tertiary education	4,677	5,510	6,244
Schools	6,079	7,541	8,862
Public hospitals — running costs	1,586	—	—
Subsidy to Electricity Commission	45,700	57,813	64,742
Local government tax sharing assistance	1,680	2,033	2,200
Other	3,463	6,644	20,011
Total	85,674	111,513	156,525
Specific Purpose Payments — Capital Purposes			
Tertiary Education	4,567	3,887	4,129
Schools	1,927	3,253	3,190
Housing	10,605	15,838	19,935
Aboriginal housing	4,401	4,404	9,584
Aboriginals Public Health Improvement Program	1,416	1,777	18,000
Roads	23,035	24,699	26,178
Water Resources Assessment	1,940	1,940	1,358
Jabiru Infrastructure Assistance	10,056	1,576	239
Other	508	9,207	6,099
Total	58,455	66,581	88,712
Total Specific Purpose Payments	144,129	178,094	245,237
TOTAL COMMONWEALTH PAYMENTS TO THE NORTHERN TERRITORY	622,964	720,389	844,717

Source: N.T. Department of Treasury.

## CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND: EXPENDITURE BY PURPOSE

(\$m.)

	1981-82	1982-83	(a)(b) 1983-84 (estimate)
Legislative Assembly	2.3	2.6	2.9
Law, order and public safety			
Law, courts and regulatory bodies	11.0	11.8	13.0
Correctional services	9.3	8.8	9.4
Police	26.1	33.2	41.1
Fire, emergency services, rural fire brigades	5.1	5.9	6.7
Road safety	0.4	0.4	0.5
Total	51.9	60.1	70.7
Educational			
General administration	15.3	19.1	22.0
Education delivery programs	80.3	87.4	94.4
Grants to private education institutions	7.4	9.0	9.6
Community colleges	19.6	22.5	24.4
University Planning Authority	0.6	0.6	0.7
Vocational Training Commission	1.9	2.3	2.6
Total	125.1	140.9	153.7
Health			
Administration	9.1	10.7	10.9
Hospitals and Health Services	74.2	77.4	86.6
Grants to Non-Government Health Services	5.7	6.5	8.2
Total	89.0	94.6	105.7
Community Services			
Welfare services	7.3	7.4	7.9
Office of Local Government	36.8	39.9	35.2
Cultural affairs	6.9	8.5	11.1
Sport and recreation	2.7	1.3	2.7
Sacred Sites Protection Authority	0.4	0.4	0.5
Other (including management services)	2.3	4.9	3.2
Total	56.4	62.4	60.6
Economic Services			
General administration	85.6	102.2	126.9
Primary industry administration	15.2	20.5	25.6
Mining and industry administration	11.5	12.8	12.8
Electricity supply	45.7	60.2	72.2
Works — Administration and planning	70.3	75.6	85.4
— Transport	2.6	2.0	8.1
— Roads	36.7	33.8	40.0
— Water	9.8	14.1	7.0
— Other (d)	10.5	4.0	4.0
Housing	57.9	74.1	90.3
Repairs and maintenance to works	29.9	37.1	44.7
Promotion and development authorities	26.2	30.5	19.3
Conservation	16.4	19.7	26.2
Bus service	2.9	3.4	3.3
Other	0.4	0.6	1.7
Total	421.6	490.6	566.5
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	746.3	851.2	(c) 960.1

(a) Estimated Expenditure 1983-84; the estimates for capital works for some functions have been allocated by Treasury. (b) Capital Works: estimates for the expenditure on capital works will differ from those given in July, 1983, due to updating of these estimates. (c) This total does not include the "Advance to the Treasurer" of \$21.7 million.

(d) Expenditure on public works other than "Roads" and "Water" of less than \$50,000 have been included in the "Works — other" category for 1981-82.

Source: N.T. Department of Treasury.

## TERRITORY AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES: OUTLAY AND RECEIPTS

(\$m.)

	1978-79	1979-80	1980-81	1981-82
<b>Outlay</b>				
Final Consumption Expenditure	141.0	283.8	362.1	431.0
Gross Capital Formation				
Expenditure on new fixed assets	130.9	180.0	170.7	182.4
Expenditure on existing assets (net)	1.2	-10.1	16.8	10.1
Increase in stocks	2.5	4.3	1.8	1.8
Total	134.5	174.2	189.3	194.3
Transfer Payments				
Interest paid				
To Commonwealth Government	11.6	13.3	23.5	32.3
Other	—	0.2	1.5	2.7
Personal benefit payments	—	0.5	0.6	0.8
Subsidies paid				
To private enterprises	1.8	0.1	0.4	0.4
To public enterprises	1.4	—	—	1.6
Transfers overseas	—	—	—	—
Grants for private capital purposes	1.2	0.7	0.6	0.6
Total	16.1	14.7	26.6	38.4
Net Advances				
To the private sector	11.5	25.1	47.9	50.1
To public financial enterprises	—	—	—	—
Total	11.5	25.1	47.9	50.1
<b>TOTAL OUTLAY</b>	<b>303.1</b>	<b>497.8</b>	<b>625.8</b>	<b>713.8</b>
<b>Receipts</b>				
Taxes, fees, fines, etc.	23.4	31.8	37.9	45.9
Income from public enterprises	-17.1	-27.1	-41.6	-44.9
Property Income				
Interest	8.6	11.8	19.0	24.0
Rent, royalties and dividends	1.7	3.3	6.4	4.0
Grants from the Commonwealth Government				
For current purposes	289.8	292.3	388.3	449.2
For capital purposes	0.1	68.2	80.3	90.3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>306.4</b>	<b>380.4</b>	<b>490.3</b>	<b>568.5</b>
<b>Financing Items</b>				
Advances from the Commonwealth Government (net)				
For loan works purposes	—	69.7	73.6	72.5
Other	-1.8	9.1	9.5	7.7
For local authorities	—	—	—	—
Net Borrowing				
State public trading enterprises	3.0	-0.1	2.3	-0.5
State general government	—	31.1	31.4	34.0
Local authorities	1.3	1.2	0.6	1.6
Net receipts of private trust funds	—	0.3	—	-0.2
Reduction in cash and bank balances	-28.2	-5.8	-9.9	-3.8
Other funds available				
Depreciation allowances	6.2	5.8	7.0	7.7
Other reserves and provisions	1.4	4.9	2.6	1.1
Capital transfers	—	—	—	—
Change in debtors/creditors	2.0	-3.2	3.1	-1.7
Other (including errors and omissions)	12.8	4.3	15.5	26.9
Total	-3.3	117.4	135.6	145.3
<b>TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE</b>	<b>303.1</b>	<b>497.8</b>	<b>625.8</b>	<b>713.8</b>

### TERRITORY AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES: EXPENDITURE ON NEW FIXED ASSETS CLASSIFIED BY PURPOSE

(\$'m.)

	1978-79	1979-80	1980-81	1981-82
General Public Services				
Law, order and public safety	5.7	4.9	3.2	2.7
General administration <i>n.e.c.</i>	9.2	12.9	10.7	11.3
Education				
Primary and secondary	—	9.0	7.1	10.6
University	—	—	—	—
Other	—	4.4	4.3	7.2
Health				
Hospital and clinical services	9.4	8.0	2.0	2.1
Other	1.1	1.9	1.1	0.9
Social Security and Welfare	0.6	0.2	0.5	0.1
Housing and Community Amenities				
Housing	25.5	17.6	21.3	21.3
Community and regional development	3.4	4.8	12.5	24.1
Sewerage and drainage	2.3	2.5	2.6	2.9
Sanitation and protection of the environment <i>n.e.c.</i>	—	0.5	0.7	0.2
Community amenities	—	0.8	0.3	0.4
Recreation and Culture	3.3	5.1	6.9	4.1
Economic Services				
Soil and water resources management	—	—	—	—
Forest resources management	—	0.9	0.4	0.3
Other agriculture and fishing	1.2	1.1	1.3	2.2
Mining, manufacturing and construction	0.3	0.5	0.5	2.2
Electricity and gas	23.6	30.4	5.3	13.1
Water supply	8.2	12.9	12.5	10.5
Rail transport	—	—	—	—
Sea transport	2.5	4.2	11.0	4.4
Road systems and regulation	34.0	50.2	54.7	55.1
Urban transit systems	0.1	—	—	0.2
Pipelines	—	—	—	—
Other transport services <i>n.e.c.</i>	—	1.6	5.3	3.4
Other economic services (including general administration)	0.3	4.7	5.6	2.5
Other Purposes	—	1.0	0.6	0.6
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	130.9	180.0	170.7	182.4
Of Which				
Public trading enterprises	58.7	61.7	45.0	42.0
General government	72.1	118.3	125.8	140.4

**TERRITORY AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES: FINAL CONSUMPTION  
EXPENDITURE CLASSIFIED BY PURPOSE**

(\$'m.)

	1978-79	1979-80	1980-81	1981-82
General Public Services				
Law, order and public safety	25.1	34.1	40.2	47.5
General administration n.e.c.	29.2	52.0	59.9	65.3
Education				
Primary and Secondary	—	46.0	57.4	66.7
University	—	—	0.3	0.5
Other	—	25.3	28.3	33.5
Health				
Hospital and clinical services	17.1	36.0	45.1	45.5
Other	12.7	23.2	27.0	30.7
Social Security and Welfare	11.6	12.7	26.0	28.1
Housing and Community Amenities				
Housing	0.6	1.7	2.1	3.0
Community and regional development	6.3	2.5	4.2	7.2
Sewerage and drainage	—	—	—	—
Sanitation and protection of the environment n.e.c.	0.2	2.0	3.7	3.1
Community amenities	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2
Recreation and Culture	9.6	11.2	15.2	25.6
Economic Services				
Soil and water resources management	—	—	—	—
Forest resources management	—	2.8	1.3	1.9
Other agriculture and fishing	6.8	9.1	10.1	12.0
Mining, manufacturing and construction	3.5	4.6	7.0	9.2
Electricity and gas	—	—	—	—
Water supply	—	—	—	—
Rail transport	—	—	—	—
Sea transport	—	—	—	—
Road systems and regulation	2.5	4.7	6.0	14.2
Other transport services n.e.c.	3.2	4.8	8.8	19.7
Other economic services (including general administration)	12.5	10.8	17.5	16.9
Other Purposes	—	0.2	1.8	0.3
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>141.0</b>	<b>283.8</b>	<b>362.1</b>	<b>431.0</b>

Source: ABS Catalogue 5504.0.



## BANK DEPOSITS AND ADVANCES

(\$'m.)

	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983
Trading Banks (a)					
Deposits	119	136	171	207	214
Advances	71	95	113	135	154
Savings Banks (b)					
Depositors' balances	84	93	109	116	145

(a) Average weekly figures for month of June.

(b) At end of June.

Source: ABS Catalogue 5605.0.

## GENERAL INSURANCE: PREMIUMS AND CLAIMS BY CLASS OF BUSINESS

(\$'000)

	1977-78	1978-79	1979-80	1980-81	1981-82
Premiums					
Fire (a)	1,915	1,473	1,335	2,387	4,028
House owners' and house-holders'	1,815	1,711	1,478	1,817	2,457
Contractors' all risks	116	113	144	184	375
Marine (b)	335	273	385	547	568
Motor vehicle comprehensive	3,638	3,486	3,501	4,000	6,199
Compulsory third party (motor vehicle)	4,208	6,379	9,106	5,804	n.p.
Employers liability	4,108	3,459	5,477	5,985	9,982
Public liability (c)	364	333	347	517	852
All other	846	958	1,068	1,599	8,164
Total	17,345	18,185	22,841	22,840	32,625
Claims (d)					
Fire (a)	95	634	404	1,052	2,384
House owners' and house-holders'	363	-321	398	631	809
Contractors' all risks	11	52	95	31	154
Marine (b)	185	236	380	379	384
Motor vehicle comprehensive	3,207	1,502	2,036	2,326	4,092
Compulsory third party (motor vehicle)	6,434	8,534	2,174	8,268	n.p.
Employers liability	2,719	1,892	3,110	3,399	6,013
Public liability (c)	286	124	-2	218	241
All other	398	973	350	479	n.p.
Total	13,698	13,626	8,945	16,783	23,122

(a) Includes sprinkler leakage and loss of profits. From 1978-79 also includes crop and hailstone insurance.

(b) Excludes marine hull insurance for other than private pleasure craft for 1977-78.

(c) Includes product liability and professional indemnity insurance.

(d) Excludes brokers.

Source: ABS Catalogue 5620.0.

**HOUSING FINANCE FOR OWNER OCCUPATION**

(\$'000)

	1978-79	1979-80	1980-81	1981-82	1982-83
Loans Approved for					
Construction or purchase of dwellings	29,352	53,394	83,649	75,710	88,289
Alterations or additions	1,725	2,382	3,497	3,776	3,514
Cancellation of Loans Previously Approved	1,576	2,195	2,877	4,960	4,264
Loans Advanced (a)	24,407	49,241	69,455	73,167	80,115

(a) Excludes Trading Banks, data not available.

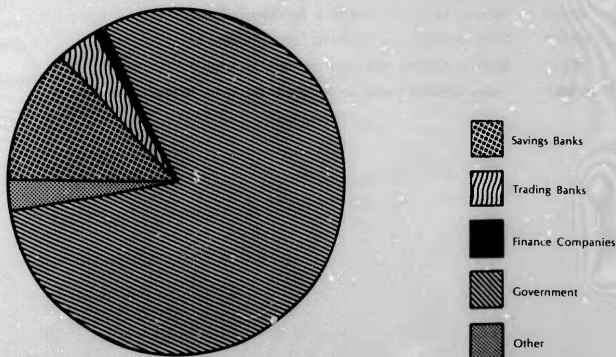
Source: ABS Catalogue 5609.0.

**VALUE OF LOANS APPROVED TO INDIVIDUALS FOR CONSTRUCTION  
OR PURCHASE OF DWELLINGS**

(\$'000)

	1978-79	1979-80	1980-81	1981-82	1982-83
Banks					
Savings	6,535	6,856	7,825	7,413	11,395
Tradings	3,854	4,414	4,719	4,008	3,246
Finance Companies	666	1,571	1,192	1,725	674
Government	14,393	36,262	64,683	59,094	70,370
Other	3,904	4,291	5,232	3,470	2,604
<b>TOTAL VALUE OF LOANS APPROVED</b>	<b>29,352</b>	<b>53,394</b>	<b>83,651</b>	<b>75,710</b>	<b>88,289</b>

Source: ABS Catalogue 5609.0.

**VALUE OF LOANS APPROVED BY LENDING INSTITUTION, 1982-83**

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